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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Position of Coordinator for Academic  
Relations

1. This proposes that the position of Coordinator for Academic Relations (CAR) and its secretarial support slot be transferred to the Center for the Study of Intelligence (CSI), Office of Training and Education (OTE) from the Office of Public Affairs.

2. The change would occur at the end of the calendar year, effective with the retirement of the incumbent CAR.

3. The research and conference program of CSI has gained impetus in the past year--causing CSI to enter into regular liaison with the academic community as a de facto point of contact between the Agency and colleges and universities. Logically, the CAR should be directly involved in this effort; moreover, location in CSI would enhance the CAR's utility as a resource for OTE.

4. Established in 1966, the CAR's role has waxed and waned. Several DCIs have had varying degrees of interest in developing closer ties to academia. Congressional and media criticism of the Agency has not helped. The position has drifted from one component or directorate to another. Most recently, it has been a part of the Office of External Affairs and now of Public Affairs. The position exists to make relations between the Agency and the academic world productive for the former and helpful to the latter. The emphasis, then, should be on substance rather than on publicity. The CAR is charged with coordinating attendance at professional conferences, identifying prospective Scholars in Residence to Agency components, arranging substantive exchanges between our analysts

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and their academic counterparts, representing the Agency on the Interagency Committee on Foreign Area Research (chaired by the Department of State) and arranging for appropriate briefings to professional groups that visit Headquarters. On occasion, the CAR has served as a conduit between well known scholars and the DCI and DDCI. Finally, the CAR works closely with the Publications Review Board and assists the Office of Information Services in reviewing for release under FOIA materials that trace the Agency's relations with academic institutions.

5. In our view, all of these functions, logically, should be carried out in CSI.

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2-3: *Jim*: This would be  
 matter from a budget/FTE.  
 point of view if we made  
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